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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Release of SNIE 42.1/2-56, "Probable Political Developments in the Republic of Korea Through 1957" to Certain Foreign Governments


1. The Board of National Estimates has examined SNIE 42.1/2-56 with a view to its release to certain foreign governments and regards the following considerations as pertinent:

a. This estimate was drafted in a relatively short time and based to a considerable extent on oral and informal contributions. For that reason, the Board is unable to identify with certainty those portions of the text, if any, which might contain NOFORN material, or have originated from sensitive sources, for which CIA is responsible.

b. The Board notes also that a substantial part of the estimate (e.g., Advance Conclusion C; paragraphs 11-17, 26 October draft) deals with probable ROK reactions to a reduction in US support.

2. Conclusion. On the basis of the above considerations, particularly because such a considerable portion of this estimate deals with the nature and effect of US support of the ROK regime, the Board recommends that SNIE 42.1/2-56 not be released to any foreign government.

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